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For: FLEXIBLE MULTILAYER FLAT  
MATERIAL WITH REINFORCED  
COVER LAYER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 24 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1-23 and 25 as follows:

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1. (Amended) [Flexible] A flexible multilayer flat material comprising:  
at least one cover layer with at least one flat reinforcement material positioned in the  
cover layer, whereby the reinforcement material is completely surrounded by the coating  
compound constituting the cover layer, so that a closed layer is formed around the